

SENATE, No. 2728

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$15,294,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2018)

AN ACT appropriating \$15,294,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues for the acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes and for Blue Acres projects.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$12,300,000 from dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), and the unexpended balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund - Constitutional Dedication account made available for this purpose pursuant to the provisions of P.L.2017, c.99, for the acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be allocated as follows:

Project	County	Municipality	Amount
(1) BARNEGAT BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY			\$800,000
	Monmouth	Freehold Twp Howell Twp	
	Ocean	Barnegat Twp Berkeley Twp Brick Twp Eagleswood Twp Jackson Twp Lacey Twp Lakewood Twp Little Egg Harbor Twp Ocean Twp Stafford Twp Toms River Twp	
(2) CAPE MAY PENINSULA			1,500,000
	Cape May	Cape May City Cape May Point Boro Dennis Twp Lower Twp Middle Twp Ocean City Sea Isle City Upper Twp West Cape May Boro Woodbine Boro	

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1	(3) CROSSROADS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION	1,000,000
2		
3	Bergen	Bogota Boro
4		Carlstadt Boro
5		East Rutherford Boro
6		Fort Lee Boro
7		Garfield City
8		Hackensack City
9		Hasbrouck Heights Boro
10		Leonia Boro
11		Little Ferry Boro
12		Lodi Boro
13		Lyndhurst Twp
14		Maywood Boro
15		Moonachie Boro
16		New Milford Boro
17		North Arlington Boro
18		Palisades Park Boro
19		Ridgefield Park Village
20		River Edge Boro
21		Rochelle Park Twp
22		Rutherford Boro
23		South Hackensack Twp
24		Teterboro Boro
25		Wallington Boro
26		Wood-Ridge Boro
27		
28	Burlington	Beverly City
29		Bordentown City
30		Bordentown Twp
31		Burlington City
32		Burlington Twp
33		Edgewater Park Twp
34		Fieldsboro Boro
35		Florence Twp
36		Hainesport Twp
37		Mansfield Twp
38		Maple Shade Twp
39		Moorestown Twp
40		Mount Holly Twp
41		Mount Laurel Twp
42		Palmyra Boro
43		Riverside Twp
44		Riverton Boro
45		Springfield Twp
46		Westampton Twp
47		Willingboro Twp
48		
49	Camden	Audubon Boro
50		Audubon Park Boro
51		Brooklawn Boro
52		Camden City
53		Cherry Hill Twp
54		Collingswood Boro
55		Gloucester City
56		Haddon Heights Boro
57		Haddon Twp
58		Haddonfield Boro

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1		Merchantville Boro
2		Mount Ephraim Boro
3		Oaklyn Boro
4		Pennsauken Twp
5		Woodlynne Boro
6		
7	Essex	Belleville Twp
8		Irvington Twp
9		Livingston Twp
10		Maplewood Twp
11		Millburn Twp
12		Newark City
13		Nutley Twp
14		
15	Gloucester	National Park Boro
16		West Deptford Twp
17		Westville Boro
18		
19	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
20		East Amwell Twp
21		Flemington Boro
22		Franklin Twp
23		Frenchtown Boro
24		Kingwood Twp
25		Lambertville City
26		Raritan Twp
27		Readington Twp
28		Stockton Boro
29		West Amwell Twp
30		
31	Mercer	East Windsor Twp
32		Ewing Twp
33		Hamilton Twp
34		Hightstown Boro
35		Hopewell Boro
36		Hopewell Twp
37		Lawrence Twp
38		Pennington Boro
39		Princeton Boro
40		Robbinsville Twp
41		Trenton City
42		West Windsor Twp
43		
44	Middlesex	Carteret Boro
45		Cranbury Twp
46		Dunellen Boro
47		East Brunswick Twp
48		Edison Twp
49		Helmetta Boro
50		Highland Park Boro
51		Jamesburg Boro
52		Metuchen Boro
53		Middlesex Boro
54		Milltown Boro
55		Monroe Twp
56		New Brunswick City
57		North Brunswick Twp
58		Old Bridge Twp

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1		Perth Amboy City
2		Piscataway Twp
3		Plainsboro Twp
4		Sayreville Boro
5		South Amboy City
6		South BrunswickTwp
7		South Plainfield Boro
8		South River Boro
9		Spotswood Boro
10		Woodbridge Twp
11		
12	Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp
13		Allentown Boro
14		Colts Neck Twp
15		Englishtown Boro
16		Freehold Boro
17		Freehold Twp
18		Holmdel Twp
19		Manalapan Twp
20		Marlboro Twp
21		Matawan Boro
22		Millstone Twp
23		Roosevelt Boro
24		Upper Freehold Twp
25		Wall Twp
26		
27	Morris	Boonton Town
28		Boonton Twp
29		Butler Boro
30		Chatham Boro
31		Chatham Twp
32		Chester Boro
33		Denville Twp
34		Dover Town
35		East Hanover Twp
36		Florham Park Boro
37		Hanover Twp
38		Harding Twp
39		Kinnelon Boro
40		Lincoln Park Boro
41		Long Hill Twp
42		Madison Boro
43		Mendham Boro
44		Mendham Twp
45		Mine Hill Twp
46		Montville Twp
47		Morris Plains Boro
48		Morris Twp
49		Morristown Town
50		Mountain Lakes Boro
51		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
52		Pequannock Twp
53		Randolph Twp
54		Riverdale Boro
55		Rockaway Boro
56		Rockaway Twp
57		Victory Gardens Boro
58		Wharton Boro

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1	Passaic	Clifton City	
2		Passaic City	
3			
4	Somerset	Bedminster Twp	
5		Bernards Twp	
6		Bernardsville Boro	
7		Bound Brook Boro	
8		Branchburg Twp	
9		Bridgewater Twp	
10		Far Hills Boro	
11		Franklin Twp	
12		Green Brook Twp	
13		Hillsborough Twp	
14		Manville Boro	
15		Millstone Boro	
16		Montgomery Twp	
17		North Plainfield Boro	
18		Peapack-Gladstone Boro	
19		Raritan Boro	
20		Rocky Hill Boro	
21		Somerville Boro	
22		South Bound Brook Boro	
23		Warren Twp	
24		Watchung Boro	
25			
26	Union	Berkeley Heights Twp	
27		Clark Twp	
28		Cranford Twp	
29		Elizabeth City	
30		Fanwood Boro	
31		Garwood Boro	
32		Hillside Twp	
33		Kenilworth Boro	
34		Linden City	
35		Mountainside Boro	
36		New Providence Boro	
37		Plainfield City	
38		Rahway City	
39		Roselle Boro	
40		Roselle Park Boro	
41		Scotch Plains Twp	
42		Springfield Twp	
43		Summit City	
44		Union Twp	
45		Westfield Twp	
46		Winfield Twp	
47			
48	(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY		2,000,000
49			
50	Alloways Creek Greenway		
51			
52	Salem	Alloway Twp	
53		Elsinboro Twp	
54		Lower Alloways Creek Twp	
55		Pilesgrove Twp	
56		Quinton Twp	
57		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	

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1	<i>Cape May Tributaries</i>	
2		
3	Cape May	Dennis Twp
4		Lower Twp
5		Middle Twp
6		Upper Twp
7		
8	<i>Cohansey River Greenway</i>	
9		
10	Cumberland	Bridgeton City
11		Fairfield Twp
12		Greenwich Twp
13		Hopewell Twp
14		Lawrence Twp
15		Shiloh Boro
16		Upper Deerfield Twp
17		
18	Salem	Alloway Twp
19		
20	<i>Dividing/ Nantuxent/ Cedar/ Back Creeks Greenway</i>	
21		
22	Cumberland	Commercial Twp
23		Downe Twp
24		Fairfield Twp
25		Lawrence Twp
26		
27	<i>Maurice River Greenway</i>	
28		
29	Atlantic	Buena Boro
30		Buena Vista Twp
31		
32	Cape May	Dennis Twp
33		
34	Cumberland	Commercial Twp
35		Deerfield Twp
36		Maurice River Twp
37		Millville City
38		Vineland City
39		
40	Gloucester	Clayton Boro
41		Elk Twp
42		Franklin Twp
43		Glassboro Boro
44		Monroe Twp
45		Newfield Boro
46		
47	Salem	Elmer Boro
48		Pittsgrove Twp
49		Upper Pittsgrove Twp
50		
51	<i>Salem River/ Mannington Greenway</i>	
52		
53	Salem	Carneys Point Twp
54		Elsinboro Twp
55		Mannington Twp
56		Oldmans Twp
57		Pennsville Twp
58		Pilesgrove Twp

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1		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
2		Woodstown Boro	
3			
4	Stow Creek Greenway		
5			
6	Cumberland	Greenwich Twp	
7		Stow Creek Twp	
8			
9	Salem	Alloway Twp	
10		Lower Alloways Creek Twp	
11		Quinton Twp	
12			
13	(5) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY		1,000,000
14			
15	Bergen	Mahwah Twp	
16		Oakland Boro	
17			
18	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
19		Bethlehem Twp	
20		Bloomsbury Boro	
21		Califon Boro	
22		Clinton Town	
23		Clinton Twp	
24		Glen Gardner Boro	
25		Hampton Boro	
26		High Bridge Boro	
27		Holland Twp	
28		Lebanon Boro	
29		Lebanon Twp	
30		Milford Boro	
31		Tewksbury Twp	
32		Union Twp	
33			
34	Morris	Boonton Town	
35		Boonton Twp	
36		Butler Boro	
37		Chester Boro	
38		Chester Twp	
39		Denville Twp	
40		Dover Town	
41		Hanover Twp	
42		Harding Twp	
43		Jefferson Twp	
44		Kinnelon Boro	
45		Mendham Boro	
46		Mendham Twp	
47		Mine Hill Twp	
48		Montville Twp	
49		Morris Plains Boro	
50		Morris Twp	
51		Morristown Town	
52		Mount Arlington Boro	
53		Mount Olive Twp	
54		Mountain Lakes Boro	
55		Netcong Boro	
56		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp	
57		Pequannock Twp	
58		Randolph Twp	

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1		Riverdale Boro	
2		Rockaway Boro	
3		Rockaway Twp	
4		Roxbury Twp	
5		Victory Gardens Boro	
6		Washington Twp	
7		Wharton Boro	
8			
9	Passaic	Bloomington Boro	
10		Pompton Lakes Boro	
11		Ringwood Boro	
12		Wanaque Boro	
13		West Milford Twp	
14			
15	Somerset	Bedminster Twp	
16		Bernards Twp	
17		Bernardsville Boro	
18		Far Hills Boro	
19		Peapack-Gladstone Boro	
20			
21	Sussex	Byram Twp	
22		Franklin Boro	
23		Green Twp	
24		Hamburg Boro	
25		Hardyston Twp	
26		Hopatcong Boro	
27		Ogdensburg Boro	
28		Sparta Twp	
29		Stanhope Boro	
30		Vernon Twp	
31			
32	Warren	Allamuchy Twp	
33		Alpha Boro	
34		Belvidere Town	
35		Franklin Twp	
36		Frelinghuysen Twp	
37		Greenwich Twp	
38		Hackettstown Town	
39		Harmony Twp	
40		Hope Twp	
41		Independence Twp	
42		Liberty Twp	
43		Lopatcong Twp	
44		Mansfield Twp	
45		Oxford Twp	
46		Phillipsburg Town	
47		Pohatcong Twp	
48		Washington Boro	
49		Washington Twp	
50		White Twp	
51			
52	(6) HISTORIC RESOURCES		1,000,000
53			
54	<i>Allaire State Park</i>		
55			
56	Monmouth	Howell Twp	
57		Wall Twp	

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1	<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>		
2			
3		Salem	Pennsville Twp
4			
5	<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>		
6			
7		Somerset	Franklin Twp
8			
9	<i>Historic Sites</i>		
10			
11		Burlington	Medford Twp
12			
13		Monmouth	Red Bank Boro
14			
15	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>		
16			
17		Monmouth	Freehold Twp
18			Manalapan Twp
19			
20	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>		
21			
22		Bergen	New Milford Boro
23			River Edge Boro
24			
25	<i>Proprietary House</i>		
26			
27		Middlesex	Perth Amboy City
28			
29	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>		
30			
31		Somerset	Green Brook Twp
32			Watchung Boro
33			
34	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>		
35			
36		Somerset	Franklin Twp
37			
38	<i>Twin Lights</i>		
39			
40		Monmouth	Highlands Boro
41			
42	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
43			
44		Mercer	Ewing Twp
45			Hopewell Twp
46			
47	<i>Waterloo Village</i>		
48			
49		Sussex	Byram Twp
50			Stanhope Boro
51			
52	(7) NATURAL AREAS		1,000,000
53			
54	<i>Bill Henry Pond</i>		
55			
56		Atlantic	Egg Harbor Twp

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1	<i>Budd Lake Bog</i>		
2			
3		Morris	Mount Olive Twp
4			
5	<i>Campus Swamp</i>		
6			
7		Camden	Gloucester Twp
8			
9	<i>Capooling Creek</i>		
10			
11		Hunterdon	Franklin Twp
12			
13	<i>Cheesequake State Park</i>		
14			
15		Middlesex	Old Bridge Twp
16			
17	<i>Crossley Preserve</i>		
18			
19		Ocean	Berkeley Twp
20			Manchester Twp
21			
22	<i>Five Acre Pond</i>		
23			
24		Atlantic	Estell Manor City
25			
26	<i>Gravel Hill</i>		
27			
28		Hunterdon	Holland Twp
29			
30	<i>Great Piece Meadows/ Troy Meadows</i>		
31			
32		Essex	Fairfield Twp
33			Roseland Boro
34			West Caldwell Twp
35			
36		Morris	East Hanover Twp
37			Hanover Twp
38			Lincoln Park Boro
39			Montville Twp
40			Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
41			Pequannock Twp
42			
43		Passaic	Wayne Twp
44			
45	<i>Hamburg Mountain</i>		
46			
47		Sussex	Franklin Boro
48			Hamburg Boro
49			Hardyston Twp
50			Vernon Twp
51			
52	<i>Hidden Lake</i>		
53			
54		Camden	Gloucester Twp
55			
56	<i>High Mountain</i>		
57			
58		Passaic	North Haledon Boro

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1		Wayne Twp
2		
3	<i>Limestone Ridge</i>	
4	Warren	Blairstown Twp
5		
6	<i>Lincoln Grove Preserve</i>	
7		
8	Middlesex	South Brunswick Twp
9		
10	Somerset	Franklin Twp
11		Montgomery Twp
12		
13	<i>Long-A-Coming Branch</i>	
14		
15	Camden	Winslow Twp
16		
17	<i>Milford Bluffs</i>	
18		
19	Hunterdon	Holland Twp
20		
21	<i>Mountain Lake Bog</i>	
22		
23	Warren	White Twp
24		
25	<i>Ogdensburg Fen</i>	
26		
27	Sussex	Ogdensburg Boro
28		
29	<i>Oswego River Natural Area</i>	
30		
31	Burlington	Washington Twp
32		
33	<i>Paulinskill River Greenway</i>	
34		
35	Warren	Knowlton Twp
36		
37	<i>Phone-In-Fen</i>	
38		
39	Warren	Hardwick Twp
40		
41	<i>Ramapo Lake Natural Area</i>	
42		
43	Bergen	Oakland Boro
44		
45	Passaic	Ringwood Boro
46		Wanaque Boro
47		
48	<i>Ramapo Mountain</i>	
49		
50	Bergen	Mahwah Twp
51		Oakland Boro
52		
53	Passaic	Pompton Lakes Boro
54		Ringwood Boro
55		Wanaque Boro

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1	<i>Sourland Mountains</i>		
2			
3		Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp
4			West Amwell Twp
5			
6		Mercer	Hopewell Twp
7			
8		Somerset	Hillsborough Twp
9			Montgomery Twp
10			
11	<i>Strawberry Hill</i>		
12			
13		Mercer	Hopewell Twp
14			
15	<i>Sunfish Pond</i>		
16			
17		Warren	Hardwick Twp
18			
19	<i>Sweet Hollow</i>		
20			
21		Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
22			Holland Twp
23			
24	<i>Troy Meadows</i>		
25			
26		Morris	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
27			
28	<i>Uttertown Bog</i>		
29			
30		Passaic	West Milford Twp
31			
32	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
33			
34		Mercer	Hopewell Twp
35			
36	<i>Waterfront Access</i>		
37			
38		Monmouth	Sea Bright Boro
39			
40	<i>Wetlands Habitat/ Bog Turtle</i>		
41			
42		Sussex	Frankford Twp
43			Wantage Twp
44			
45	<i>Whale Pond</i>		
46			
47		Monmouth	Ocean Twp
48			
49	<i>Woodbine Bogs</i>		
50			
51		Cape May	Upper Twp
52			
53	(8) PINELANDS		2,000,000
54			
55		Atlantic	Brigantine City
56			Buena Boro
57			Buena Vista Twp
58			Corbin City

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1		Egg Harbor City
2		Egg Harbor Twp
3		Estell Manor City
4		Folsom Boro
5		Galloway Twp
6		Hamilton Twp
7		Hammonton Town
8		Mullica Twp
9		Port Republic City
10		Weymouth Twp
11		
12	Burlington	Bass River Twp
13		Evesham Twp
14		Medford Lakes Boro
15		Medford Twp
16		New Hanover Twp
17		North Hanover Twp
18		Pemberton Twp
19		Shamong Twp
20		Southampton Twp
21		Springfield Twp
22		Tabernacle Twp
23		Washington Twp
24		Woodland Twp
25		Wrightstown Boro
26		
27	Camden	Berlin Boro
28		Berlin Twp
29		Chesilhurst Boro
30		Waterford Twp
31		Winslow Twp
32		
33	Cape May	Dennis Twp
34		Middle Twp
35		Upper Twp
36		Woodbine Boro
37		
38	Cumberland	Maurice River Twp
39		Vineland City
40		
41	Gloucester	Franklin Twp
42		Monroe Twp
43		
44	Ocean	Barnegat Twp
45		Beachwood Boro
46		Berkeley Twp
47		Eagleswood Twp
48		Jackson Twp
49		Lacey Twp
50		Lakehurst Boro
51		Little Egg Harbor Twp
52		Manchester Twp
53		Ocean Twp
54		Plumsted Twp
55		South Toms River Boro
56		Stafford Twp
57		Toms River Twp
58		Tuckerton Boro

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1	(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY	2,000,000
2		
3	Sussex	Andover Boro
4		Andover Twp
5		Branchville Boro
6		Frankford Twp
7		Fredon Twp
8		Green Twp
9		Hampton Twp
10		Lafayette Twp
11		Montague Twp
12		Newton Town
13		Sandyston Twp
14		Stillwater Twp
15		Sussex Boro
16		Walpack Twp
17		Wantage Twp
18		
19	Warren	Blairstown Twp
20		Frelinghuysen Twp
21		Hackettstown Town
22		Hardwick Twp
23		Hope Twp
24		Knowlton Twp
25		Liberty Twp
26		
27	TOTAL	\$12,300,000
28		

29 c. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project site, listed in
30 subsection b. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint
31 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

32 d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
33 listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant
34 thereto, any State project that previously received funding
35 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
36 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres
37 Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State
38 Preservation Trust Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), for
39 recreation and conservation purposes shall be eligible to receive
40 additional funding, as determined by the Department of
41 Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Joint
42 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

43 For the purposes of this subsection, “Green Acres bond act”
44 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
45 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

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47 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
48 Protection the sum of \$2,994,000 from dedicated corporation
49 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
50 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres
51 Fund,” established pursuant to section 7 of the “Preserve New
52 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-49), and the unexpended
53 balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund - Constitutional

1 Dedication account made available for this purpose pursuant to the
2 provisions of P.L.2017, c.99, for the acquisition, for recreation and
3 conservation purposes, of lands throughout the State that have been
4 damaged by, or may be prone to incurring damage caused by,
5 storms or storm-related flooding, or that may buffer or protect other
6 lands from such damage, as follows:

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8 Project	County	Municipality	Amount
9 BLUE ACRES			\$2,994,000
	Every county	Every municipality	
14 TOTAL			\$2,994,000

15 b. The expenditure of moneys appropriated pursuant to this
16 section is subject to the provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey
17 Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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19 3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
20 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
21 cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
22 reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual
23 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation
24 Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden State Preservation
25 Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), for State projects
26 to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
27 purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as
28 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any
29 State project that previously received funding appropriated or
30 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
31 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation
32 Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes or that receives
33 funding approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the
34 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.
35 Any such additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act
36 may include administrative costs.

37 b. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act"
38 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
39 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

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41 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
42 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
43 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
44 (C.13:8C-48), and to the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund,”
45 established pursuant to section 7 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”
46 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-49), the amount determined by the State
47 Treasurer to be necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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49 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates the sum of \$15.294 million to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014, including the unexpended balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund – Constitutional Dedication account made available for these purposes pursuant to P.L.2017, c.99 (i.e., the FY2018 annual appropriations act). The “Preserve New Jersey Act” implements for State fiscal years 2017 through 2019, the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The act provides that of the 60 percent of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres program: 55 percent would be used for State open space acquisition and development projects; 38 percent would be used for grants and loans to fund local government open space acquisition and development projects; and 7 percent would be used for grants to fund open space acquisition and development projects undertaken by qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations. Of the funding for State open space acquisition and development projects: 50 percent would be used for acquisition projects and 50 percent would be used for development projects. This bill appropriates moneys for State open space acquisition projects.

Specifically, this bill appropriates \$12.3 million from the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” and the unexpended balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund – Constitutional Dedication account made available for this purpose pursuant to P.L.2017, c.99 (i.e., the FY2018 annual appropriations act), to the DEP to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in nine project categories throughout the State.

In addition, this bill appropriates \$2.994 million from the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund” and the unexpended balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund – Constitutional Dedication account made available for this purpose pursuant to P.L.2017, c.99 (i.e., the FY2018 annual appropriations act), to the DEP to provide funding by the State for the acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties throughout the

1 State that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, or
2 that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage, i.e., “Blue
3 Acres” projects. The “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund” was
4 established by section 7 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

5 The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been
6 approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

7 Lastly, the bill authorizes the department to re-distribute certain
8 other moneys made available by project cancellations or cost
9 savings to provide additional funding, for recreation and
10 conservation purposes, to previously approved and funded State
11 projects, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
12 Committee. The bill provides that the additional funding, if
13 provided from a Green Acres bond act, may include administrative
14 costs.